

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. John Todaro on July 21, 2009.

3. The application has been amended as follows:

At claim 15, the last line has been amended to read as follows:

--or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt and individual diastereomers thereof. --.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

4. Based upon the response filed April 13, 2009, the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph and 35 U.S.C. 102(b) based upon WO 02/30930 (Merck & Co., Inc.) are withdrawn.
5. The change made by Examiner's Amendment is editorial in nature.
6. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Zinna N. Davis whose telephone number is 571-272-0682.
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